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Mr. Arthur C. Lundahl, Director  
National Photographic Interpretation Center  
Washington Navy Yard

Washington, D. C. 20025

Dear Mr. <sup>Art</sup> Lundahl:

The Community On-line Intelligence System (COINS) Experiment currently underway will demonstrate the feasibility of an operational system for improved information exchange within the intelligence community. Initially however, the system will

by your organization. Such capability will not exist in the COINS Network in the immediate future in view of highly complex technicalities involved.

Until such time as a "multi-level security" capability is available in COINS, and as an interim measure, I suggest installation of a remote terminal within the NSA

This would permit NSA analysts direct and timely access to data resident in the Integrated Information System currently being developed by your organization.

This installation would have several additional benefits. Principal among these is the provision of valuable knowledge and experience on compartmented data handling which could be applied to an extension of similar service to other National Organization Service Centers and to the COINS concept.

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Subject to your approval, NSA will assume all costs for circuit rental and communications equipment; and, I will direct my personnel to proceed with development of details and establishment of liaison with appropriate NPIC personnel.

Sincerely,



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NOEL GAYLER  
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy  
Director

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